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## ATCHISON, KANSAS, MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION WITH THE INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE CRACK COCAINE

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Seneca Williams**, 26, Atchison, Kansas, was sentenced on March 8, 2004, by U.S. District Judge G. Thomas VanBebber to **eight years and four months in federal prison**, **without parole**, **to be followed by four years of supervised release**.

Melgren stated that Williams entered a guilty plea on December 15, 2003, to one count of **possession with the intent to distribute crack cocaine**.

Melgren said that Williams admitted at his plea that on January 11, 2003, Atchison, Kansas, police officers executed a search warrant at Williams' residence and found a box in the bedroom containing approximately 22.39 grams (approximately .79 ounce) of crack cocaine. Williams admitted that he planned to distribute the crack cocaine.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Atchison, Kansas, Police Department in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Marietta Parker in this prosecution.